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**Subject:** Proposed Microsoft Anti-trust settlement

## Dear Sir:

I would like to take this time to express my views on the proposed settlement. I do not believe that the settlement as proposed, in any way will improve the marketplace for software. The settlement does not impact Microsoft's current monopoly, nor offer any type of remediation to the millions of consumers who have suffered as the result of their illegal acts. The only result of the settlement is that the government will sanction Microsoft's further tightening their grip on the marketplace by allowing them to control the desktops used in schools.

I urge you to totally reject the settlement. It is not in the best interest

of consumers, it does not help the businesses hurt by Microsoft's illegal actions in the

marketplace, and it does not in any way punish Microsoft for having violated the law.

## Thanks,

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